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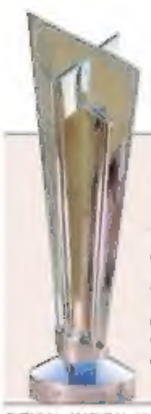

TRANS-TASMAN RIVALRY IN DUBAI CRICKET FEST

They entered into the tournament as outsiders to reach the summit clash but both New Zealand and Australia have bitten big fishes on the way to the final. And one of them will walk away as T20 world champions for the first time.

AUSTRALIAN BATTING VS NZ BOWLING

T20s lends itself to match-ups and this is the one that could ultimately decide the winners. The Kiwis' three-pronged pace attack and two spinners against Australia's batting, led by David Warner and Glenn Maxwell. The southpaw is back to his best and can set a perfect platform for the Aussies. If the likes of Trent Boult can find some early swing and send back Warner, NZ will believe they have a match with their bits and pieces cricketers | P15

Live at 7.30 pm

Tokyo 2020 Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra receives the Khel Ratna Award from President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday | PIB

HONOUR FOR OUR SPORTSTARS

- There are a record number of 12 Khel Ratna awardees this time. The President also bestowed 35 sportspersons with the Arjuna Award in a glittering function at the Durbar Hall in Rashtrapati Bhawan. The event was an in-person affair after going online last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

November 12	52,99,938 doses
November 13	52,28,385 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 111,05,55,350

NATIONWIDE	NOV 12	NOV 13
Fresh cases	12,516	11,850
Recoveries	13,155	12,403
Deaths	501	555

KARNATAKA	NOV 12	NOV 13
Fresh cases	227	245
Recoveries	206	251
Deaths	2	3

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THE FUTURE IS NOW

The multi-copter unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), carrying 50 vials of Covid vaccines and syringes in a special container, lands at the Haragadde Public Health Centre in Anekal on Bengaluru's outskirts on Saturday. The drone travelled 7 km from the Chandapura PHC in Bengaluru Urban district near Electronics City to Haragadde in 10 minutes, setting the stage for similar, beyond visual line of sight autopilot flights for delivery of medicines, food, postal packets and even human organs | EXPRESS | P3

26 Maoists gunned down in Gadchiroli encounter

The toll could go up, say police; three security personnel also injured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

IN a major anti-Maoist operation, at least 26 suspected rebels, including women and activists, were gunned down in the Mardintola jungle of Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district on Saturday. The police operation was carried out at a dense forest area about 250 kilometres from Nagpur bordering Chhattisgarh.

According to preliminary reports, the encounter happened when jawans of the C-60 force, an elite anti-Maoist squad of the Maharashtra police, were patrolling the area. The Left-wing extremists who were hiding in the jungle reportedly fired on the jawans, who retaliated immediately.

While some reports said senior Maoist leader Milind Teltumbde — the younger brother of Anand Teltumbde, who is under arrest in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon case — was also killed, police have not officially declared it yet. The identity of those killed would be known by Sunday morning, police sources said.

Three security personnel were injured in the gunfight and they were airlifted to Nagpur for medical treatment, they added.

Gadchiroli superintendent of police Ankit Goyal said additional forces were rushed to the spot after the incident.

The Gadchiroli police control room said the encounter, which started early in the morning, was still going on between the police and the Maoists. The toll could increase as search operations were under way in the area. A massive combing operation is underway to detect more bodies, sources said.

Police officials said they have recovered huge arms and ammunition from the operation site. Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil lauded the Gadchiroli police for the successful operation.

With 26 Maoist casualties, Saturday's encounter is the second biggest in Gadchiroli's history. On April 23, 2018, the Gadchiroli police had gunned down 40 Maoists in two different skirmishes.

While 34 were killed in the Borla-Kasnasur area of Etapalli tehsil, six from the same group were gunned down while they were reportedly on the run in Aheri tehsil.

This was a very big operation where 26 Maoist were killed. This operation will be noted in the history of India

Dilip Walse Patil, Maharashtra home minister

MILIND TELTUMBDE AMONG THE DEAD?

As news of the Gadchiroli encounter broke, there were rumours about CPI (Maoist) central committee member Milind Teltumbde being among those killed. However, the police have not confirmed the identity of any of the slain rebels, saying the bodies would be identified on Sunday

An injured soldier is airlifted from Churachandpur | PTI

PLA involvement suspected

The People's Liberation Army (PLA), suspected by the state DGP to be possibly behind the attack, are one of the most violent groups in the Northeast. They are part of CorCom, a body of 7 militant outfits

'Opportunistic attack'

The militants were "lying low. This is an opportunistic kind of an attack in which they are trying to announce they are still alive," Pradip Phanjoubam, editor of *Imphal Review of Arts and Politics*, said

Colonel, kin among 7 killed in Manipur terrorist ambush on Assam Rifles convoy

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

IN one of the deadliest insurgent attacks on security forces in Manipur in recent times, Col Viplav Tripathi, commanding officer of 46 Assam Rifles, his wife, son and four jawans died in an ambush on Saturday at Thinghat in Churachandpur district close to the Myanmar border.

The People's Liberation Army and Manipur Naga People's Front have claimed responsibility for the attack. State DGP L M Khaute told *TNIE* that reports suggest the attack began with IED blasts and then gunfire followed, including lethode (shell firing).

A defence source said the militants used an under-barrel grenade launcher to hit Tripathi's car. The militants were fully aware the colonel's family was travelling in the car, the source added.

The attack occurred around 11 am when the victims were returning from a forward camp in the Singhat sub-division of the district. The four jawans who died are Suman Swargiary, Khatnei Konyak, RP Meena and Shyamal Das.

This is the deadliest attack on security personnel in the state since the June 5, 2015, killings of 18 Army personnel in Chandel by Naga militants NSCN-K.

PM Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and CMs of Manipur and West Bengal condemned the attack. P10

PM holds talks on risks of crypto, ban unlikely

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THOUGH the government is concerned about the possibility of the unregulated cryptocurrency market being used for money laundering and terror financing, it is unlikely that it might take any steps to ban it.

In a high-level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss issues related to cryptocurrency on Saturday, it was decided that any steps taken would be 'progressive and forward looking'.

Government sources said it was acknowledged that cryptocurrency is evolving and the government would keep a close watch and be proactive.

However, those attending the meeting expressed concern over attempts being made to "mislead" the youth with big promises and aggressive advertising, and that these advertisements should be stopped.

The finance minister is meeting stakeholders on Monday.

NO BITCOIN WAS LOST, SAYS BENGALURU TOP COP

Bengaluru: Breaking the silence on hacker Srikrishna alias Sriki and the alleged Bitcoin scam, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Saturday stated, "Neither any Bitcoins were transferred from the account of Srikrishna, nor any Bitcoin was lost. Cyber experts opined that the account claimed by the accused as his personal account was a live wallet of an exchange." | P4

LOST IN SMOG

LOCKDOWN ALARMS IN NEW DELHI

Schools in New Delhi will be closed for a week and construction sites for four days from November 14 to 17, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Saturday due to worsening air pollution crisis. He added that talks of a complete lockdown in the capital were also underway, but any decision would be taken after consultation with Centre | P9

Over 250 taken ill in Shivamogga

ENS @ Shivamogga

OVER 250 people were hospitalised on Friday evening after eating food at wedding and naming ceremonies in two different places in Shivamogga district. All of them are out of danger.

District Health Officer Dr Rajesh Suragihalli said that over 3,000 people attended a wedding at Aladahalli. "Over 200 people complained of vomiting, dysentery and stomach pain. Many of them were shifted to local health centres, while some to McGann Hospital. All of them are doing well," he added.

He said they suspect contaminated water used for cooking and served as drinking water to be the reason for people falling ill.

At Kargal in Sagar taluk, 12 people were hospitalised after eating food at a dhaba. They too complained of similar symptoms.

BRIGHTSIDE

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